(c) No Secretary to the Government of India has obtained such employment/ consultancy with UNICEF recently.

(d) In view of (c) above, this question does not arise.

(e) Recently instructions as mentioned in reply to part (a) above, have been issued, These instructions categorically reiterate the Government's policy, that its officers should not lobby for international assignments.

Hike in the prices and shortage of essential drugs

1695. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appeared in Business and Political observer dated 13th July, 1991 to the effect that the cost of bulk drugs will rise along with retail prices apart from shortage of essential drugs;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a large number of price revision applications are pending with Government; and

(c) whether Government would associate consumer and public Health voluntary groups in any changes in the price structure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes sir.

(b) Consideration of price revision applications is an ongoing process. Recently the associations of the Drug Industry have represented to the Government seeking across the board 25 per cent escalation in the prices of bulk drugs and formulations. This is in the backgrouud of rise in the cost of production of bulk drugs and formulations owing to the recent adjustment of the exchange rate of Indian Rupee against foreign currencies and other increase in costs.

(c) Government is aware of the views of consumer and public health voluntary groups.

Drugs needed for National Health Programmes

1696. SHRI NARAYAN KAR:
DR. R. K. PODDAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received representations against the omissions of National Health Programmes and drugs needed for these programmes under Category-I of Drugs Price Control Order;

(b) if so, the number of representations received upto 30th June, 1991 and what action has been taken so far; and

(c) what is the present position and by when rectification would be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) A large number of representations for inclusion/exclusion of drugs from price control including inclusion of more drugs under Category I of the DPCO, 1987, have been received, mostly from the Members of Parliament, after the announcement of list of price controlled drugs. These are under examination of the Government.

Separate ration cards for buying sugar

1697. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:
SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI:

Will the PRIME MINSTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering issuing of separate ration cards to those who buy only sugar from fair price shops and not other items;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that due to poor quality of rice and wheat available at fair price shops, the general public are reluctant to buy these items from the fair price shops;

(d) whether Government propose to improve the quality of wheat and rice to be distributed through fair price shops in the country to encourage public to buy only through PDS; and

(e) if so, the action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) FCI issues rice and wheat of fair average quality to State Governments and UT Administrations, which in turn administer the further distribution of the commodities through fair price shops. Large quantities of wheat and rice of the order of 14 million tonnes are generally lifted by public through fair price shops. The Central Government has, however, requested the State Governments/ UT Administrations to tighten supervision to ensure that proper quality of wheat and rice reaches all consumers.

Introducing computers in sanskrit education and research

1698. SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the importance of Sanskrit in solving problems relating to the computer processing of Indian Languages;

(b) if so, what are the schemes for involving Sanskrit scholars on computer oriented language projects on continuing basis;

(c) what are the training programmes to introduce computers in Sanskrit education and research; and

(d) which Sanskrit institutions have been identified for conducting computer training programmes at different levels certificates, diploma and degree?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Department of Electronics has funded projects under the Technology Development for Indian Languages (TDIL) Programme. The basic areas covered are:

(i) Information processing system in Sanshkrit;

(ii) computer based semantic processing;

(iii) Sanskrit Grammar; and

(iv) preparation of course material, curriculam and guidelines for introduction of Sanskrit to linguistics and computer scientists;

The participating institutions are:

1. Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, New Delhi.

2. Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, Tirupati.

3. Gurukul Kangdi University, Haridwar.

4. Sampurnanand Sanskrit University, Varanasi.

5. Academy of Sanskrit Research, Melkote.

(d) Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, New Delhi is running certificate course for B.Ed. and M. Ed. students in the area of Computer Assisted Sanskrit Learning & Teaching.

सिविल सेवा व्यक्तित्व परीक्षा के लिए निर्धारित किए गए अंक

1699. श्री राम अवधेश सिंह : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारतीय प्रशासनिक सेवा और भारतीय पुलिस सेवा में अन्तिम चयन, में साक्षात्कार के लिए 300 अंक निर्धारित किए गए हैं ;